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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE TO CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural products exported to China;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for exporting agricultural products to China;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has received positive response from China in regard to exports of Indian Agricultural Products; and

(e) if so, the anticipated rise in percentage of Indian exports of agricultural products to China?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Raw Cotton, oil meals, guargum meal, sesame seeds, meat and preparations, dairy products, coffee tobacco, Florculture, Groundnut, Basmati rice, pulses, fresh fruits and vegetable etc. are the major agricultural products exported to China. A brief statement on agri exports is annexed at Annexure-A.

(b) & (c) Government has been making concerted efforts to obtain market access for various products in to China such as fruits and vegetables, meat products and dairy items. For Basmati rice a protocol has been signed between India and China on 21.11.2006. In Jan. 2007, during the visit of the Prime Minister to China, a Protocol was signed to permit market access for Indian tobacco into China. Dialogue with Chinese AQSIQ is going on for seeking market access for 14 fruits and vegetables. For Meat products, Chinese AQSIQ team has been invited to visit India for health assessment of animal health situation and for inspection of abattoirs.

(d) &(e): India is yet to receive a positive response on its request for granting instant access for 14 fruits and vegetables, meat and poultry products.